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Sectoral policy questions

Report of the Second Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled:

"Sectoral policy questions:

"(a) Business and development;

"(b) Industrial development cooperation"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 11th, 17th and 40th meetings, on 13 and 20 October and on 24 November 1998. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.11, 17 and 40). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, on 6, 8 and 9 October (see A/C.2/53/SR.3–7).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General entitled "Promotion and maintenance of the rule of law: action against corruption and bribery" (A/53/384);

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization entitled "Industrial development policy: concepts and experience" (A/53/254).

4. At the 11th meeting, on 13 October, introductory statements on sub-items (a) and (b) were made by the Assistant Director for United Nations Affairs and Special Representative of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to the

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United Nations System, and the Chief of the Public Policy Analysis and Development Branch of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs (see A/C.2/53/SR.11).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7 and Rev.1

5. At the 17th meeting, on 20 October, the representative of the United States of America, on behalf of *Argentina, Bulgaria, Canada, Mexico, Nicaragua*, the *Russian Federation, Ukraine*, the *United States of America, Uruguay* and *Venezuela*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Action against corruption and bribery" (A/C.2/53/L.7), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 3514 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it, *inter alia*, condemned all corrupt practices, including bribery, in international commercial transactions, reaffirmed the right of any State to adopt legislation and to investigate and take appropriate legal action, in accordance with its national laws and regulations, against such corrupt practices and called upon all Governments to cooperate to prevent corrupt practices, including bribery,

"*Concerned* about the seriousness of problems posed by corruption, which may endanger the stability and security of societies, undermine the values of democracy and morality and jeopardize social, economic and political development,

"*Disturbed* by the bribery of public officials by individuals and enterprises of other States in relation to international commercial transactions,

"*Recalling* its resolution 51/191 of 16 December 1996, by which it adopted the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions, its resolution 52/87 of 12 December 1997, by which it called for further measures to implement the Declaration, and its resolution 51/59 of 12 December 1996 in which it adopted the International Code of Conduct for Public Officials,

"1. *Welcomes* recent multilateral initiatives to combat corruption, including *inter alia*, the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, the Dakar Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, the Manila Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, the Convention on the fight against corruption involving officials of the European Communities or officials of member States of the European Union, and recommendation 32 of the recommendations elaborated and endorsed by the Senior Experts Group on Transnational Organized Crime, which met at Lyon, France from 27 to 29 June 1996;

"2. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on promotion and maintenance of the rule of law: action against corruption and bribery, submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its seventh session;[1]

[1] E/CN.15/1998/3.

"3. *Commends* the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in combating corruption and bribery, including the convening of an open-ended meeting of governmental experts, and looks forward to the results of the further work of the Commission at its ninth session;

"4. *Calls upon Member States* to take all possible measures to further the implementation of the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions and relevant international declarations and to ratify, where appropriate, international instruments against corruption;

"5. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions, the funds and programmes of the United Nations and the specialized agencies, within their respective mandates, to assist Member States, at their request, in implementing relevant conventions, declarations and instruments as well as national programmes to combat corruption and bribery;

"6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on measures taken by Member States, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the United Nations system to implement the present resolution."

6. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), informed the Committee of the outcome of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7 and drew the Committee's attention to a revised draft resolution entitled "Action against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions" (A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1), submitted by the sponsors of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7 and *Armenia, Australia, Austria* (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union), *Brazil, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia*, the *Czech Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Georgia*, the *Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Japan, Paraguay, Peru, Poland, Romania, South Africa* and *Thailand*.

7. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.7/Rev.1 (see para. 14, draft resolution I).

8. After the adoption of the draft resolution, the representative of Venezuela made a statement (see A/C.2/53/SR.40).

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.6 and A/C.2/53/L.41

9. At the 17th meeting, on 20 October, the representative of *Indonesia*, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and *China*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (A/C.2/53/L.6), which read:

"*Recalling* its resolutions 46/151 of 18 December 1991, 49/108 of 19 December 1994 and 51/170 of 16 December 1996 on industrial development cooperation,

"*Taking note* of the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China at the twenty-second annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held in New York on 25 September 1998, on the

relevance of industrialization for development and the importance of international cooperation to support the developing countries in this field,[2]

"*Recognizing* the increasing role of the business community, including the private sector, in enhancing the dynamic process of the development of the industrial sector,

"*Taking note* of the report of the Secretary-General,

"1. *Reaffirms* that industrialization is a key element in the promotion of the sustainable development of developing countries, as well as in the creation of productive employment, the eradication of poverty and facilitating social integration, including the integration of women into the development process;

"2. *Stresses* the importance of domestic industrial transformation in developing countries in order to increase the value-added of their exports earnings with a view to benefiting fully from the process of globalization and trade liberalization;

"3. *Emphasizes* the importance of industrial development cooperation and a positive investment and business climate at the international, regional, subregional and national levels, in promoting the expansion, diversification and modernization of productive capacities in developing countries;

"4. *Also emphasizes* the importance of a favourable international and national environment for the industrialization of developing countries, and urges all Governments to adopt and implement development policies and strategies that promote, *inter alia*, enterprise development, foreign direct investment, technological adaptation and innovation, expanded access to markets and the effective use of official development assistance to enable developing countries to enhance an environment attractive to investment so as to augment and supplement domestic resources for the expansion, diversification and modernization of their industrial productive capacity in the context of an open, equitable, non-discriminatory, transparent, multilateral and rule-based international trading system;

"5. *Reiterates* the importance of the transfer of technology to the developing countries as an effective means of international cooperation in the field of industrial development;

"6. *Recognizes* the continuing use of official development assistance also for industrial development in the developing countries, and calls upon donor countries and the recipient countries to continue to cooperate in their efforts to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness of official development assistance resources devoted to industrial development cooperation;

"7. *Welcomes* the use of innovative funding modalities, including, *inter alia*, co-financing schemes and trust funds, debt-equity swaps, as appropriate, other debt relief measures, industrial joint venture schemes, enterprise-to-enterprise cooperation and venture capital funds for industrial development, in particular in the developing countries;

"8. *Reaffirms* the central coordinating role played by the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the United Nations system in the industrial development of developing countries and welcomes its continuing efforts of structural transformation and revitalization in a changing economic world;

[2] A/53/466, annex.

"9. *Calls upon* the international community and the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to support the efforts of the developing countries to intensify and expand industrial cooperation among themselves with respect to, *inter alia*, trade in manufactured products, industrial investments and business partnerships, as well as industrial technology and scientific exchanges;

"10. *Requests* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in cooperation with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to undertake an in-depth assessment and further analysis of best practices in the area of industrial policies and strategies and of lessons learned in industrial development, taking into account the financial crisis and the impact of globalization on the industrial structure of the developing countries, so as to support and boost cooperation among developing countries through the provision of practical insights and ideas for international industrial development cooperation and for economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

"11. *Emphasizes* the importance of financing for industrial development, including the use of official development assistance, innovative funding modalities and market-based mechanisms and instruments for the industrial development of the developing countries and, in this regard, requests relevant entities of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in the context of their strategic partnership, to intensify their efforts to mobilize resources for the industrial development of the developing countries, especially by means of investment promotion activities, the development of small and medium-sized enterprises and various forms of business partnerships involving both local and foreign enterprises;

"12. *Welcomes* the integrated approach of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in providing comprehensive and integrated services to its member States and requests it to continue to accord priority to the needs of the least developed countries and countries in the African region;

"13. *Invites* the bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in the context of its new programme reorientation, to expand its activities in the promotion of cleaner and sustainable industrial development of developing countries;

"14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

10. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Industrial development cooperation" (A/C.2/53/L.41), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6, and orally revised it by adding a fourth preambular paragraph, reading:

"*Taking note* of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization".

11. At the same meeting, the representative of Côte d'Ivoire proposed an amendment to operative paragraph 7 of the draft resolution, by which the word "including" would be inserted before the words "market-based mechanisms".

12. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.41, as orally revised and amended (see para. 14, draft resolution II).

13. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.41, draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.6 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

14. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolutions:

Draft resolution I

Action against corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 3514 (XXX) of 15 December 1975, in which it, *inter alia*, condemned all corrupt practices, including bribery, in international commercial transactions, reaffirmed the right of any State to adopt legislation and to investigate and take appropriate legal action, in accordance with its national laws and regulations, against such corrupt practices, and called upon all Governments to cooperate to prevent corrupt practices, including bribery,

Concerned about the seriousness of problems posed by corruption, which may endanger the stability and security of societies, undermine the values of democracy and morality and jeopardize social, economic and political development,

Disturbed by the bribery of public officials by individuals and enterprises of other States in relation to international commercial transactions,

Recalling the further work carried out by the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council on elaborating the International Code of Conduct for Public Officials[3] and a code of conduct for transnational corporations,[4] consideration of which helped call attention to and raise international awareness of the adverse consequences of corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions,

Noting the Rules of Conduct to Combat Extortion and Bribery in International Business Transactions of the International Chamber of Commerce,

Recalling its resolution 51/191 of 16 December 1996, by which it adopted the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions, and its resolution 52/87 of 12 December 1997, by which it called for further measures to implement the Declaration,

1. *Welcomes* recent multilateral initiatives to combat corruption including, *inter alia*, the Inter-American Convention against Corruption,[5] the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions, the Dakar Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, the Manila Declaration on the Prevention and Control of Organized Transnational Crime and Corruption, the convention on the fight

[3] Resolution 51/59, annex.

[4] E/1991/31/Add.1.

[5] See E/1996/99.

against corruption involving the officials of the European Communities or officials of member States of the European Union;

2. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Promotion and maintenance of the rule of law: action against corruption and bribery";[6]

3. *Commends* the work of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Centre for International Crime Prevention in combating corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions, including the convening of an open-ended meeting of governmental experts;

4. *Calls upon* Member States to take all possible measures to further the implementation of the United Nations Declaration against Corruption and Bribery in International Commercial Transactions[7] and relevant international declarations and to ratify, where appropriate, existing instruments against corruption;

5. *Requests* the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and other competent bodies of the United Nations system, within their respective mandates and agreed work programmes, to assist Member States, at their request, in implementing national programmes to strengthen accountability and transparency and in implementing relevant conventions, declarations and instruments to combat corruption and bribery in international commercial transactions and, in that context, welcomes the valuable work done by the United Nations Development Programme in the field of governance;

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in close consultation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session on measures taken by Member States and competent international and regional organizations, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to implement the present resolution.

Draft resolution II

Industrial development cooperation

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 46/151 of 18 December 1991, 49/108 of 19 December 1994 and 51/170 of 16 December 1996 on industrial development cooperation,

Taking note of the Declaration adopted by the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77 and China at the twenty-second annual Meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Group of 77, held in New York on 25 September 1998, on the relevance of industrialization for development and the importance of international cooperation to support the developing countries in this field,[8]

Recognizing the increasing role of the business community, including the private sector, in enhancing the dynamic process of the development of the industrial sector,

Taking note of the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization,[9]

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[6] A/53/384.

[7] Resolution 51/191, annex.

[8] A/53/466, annex.

[9] See A/53/254.

1. *Reaffirms* that industrialization is a key element in the promotion of the sustainable development of developing countries, as well as in the creation of productive employment, the eradication of poverty and facilitating social integration, including the integration of women into the development process;

2. *Stresses* the importance of domestic industrial transformation in developing countries to increase the value added of their export earnings, so that they may benefit fully from the process of globalization and trade liberalization;

3. *Emphasizes* the importance of industrial development cooperation and a positive investment and business climate at the international, regional, subregional and national levels in promoting the expansion, diversification and modernization of productive capacities in developing countries and countries with economies in transition;

4. *Also emphasizes* the importance of a favourable international and national environment for the industrialization of developing countries, and urges all Governments to adopt and implement development policies and strategies that promote, within a framework of transparent and accountable industrialization policies, *inter alia*, enterprise development, foreign direct investment, technological adaptation and innovation, expanded access to markets and the effective use of official development assistance to enable developing countries to enhance an environment attractive to investment so as to augment and supplement domestic resources for the expansion, diversification and modernization of their industrial productive capacity in the context of an open, equitable, non-discriminatory, transparent, multilateral and rule-based international trading system;

5. *Reiterates* the importance of technology transfer to the developing countries as an effective means of international cooperation in the field of industrial development;

6. *Recognizes* the continuing use of official development assistance also for industrial development in the developing countries, and calls upon donor countries and the recipient countries to continue to cooperate in their efforts to achieve greater efficiency and effectiveness of official development assistance resources devoted to industrial development cooperation;

7. *Emphasizes* the importance, for developing countries, of financing for industrial development, including market-based mechanisms and instruments as well as innovative funding modalities, such as co-financing schemes and trust funds, debt-equity swaps and, as appropriate, other debt relief measures and official development assistance specifically designed to strengthen the industrial capacities of developing countries through, *inter alia,* the facilitation of private capital flows and, in this regard, requests relevant entities of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Industrial Development Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, in the context of their strategic partnership, to support developing countries and countries with economies in transition in their efforts to mobilize resources for industrial development, especially by means of investment promotion activities, the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, the encouragement of practices to promote employment in industries and various forms of business partnerships, such as industrial joint venture schemes, enterprise-to-enterprise cooperation and venture capital funds for industrial development;

8. *Reiterates* the importance of cooperation and coordination within the United Nations system in providing effective support for the sustainable industrial development of developing countries, calls upon the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue carrying out its central coordinating role within the United Nations system in that respect, and welcomes the efforts of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to strengthen its cooperation with the rest of the United Nations system at both

the headquarters and the field levels, by, *inter alia,* actively participating in the resident coordinator system, so as to enhance the effectiveness, relevance and development impact of such support;

9. *Calls upon* the international community and the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, to support the efforts of the developing countries to intensify and expand industrial cooperation among themselves with respect to, among other things, trade in manufactured products, industrial investments and business partnerships, and industrial technology and scientific exchanges;

10. *Requests* the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, in cooperation with the relevant organizations of the United Nations system, to continue undertaking in-depth assessment, analysis and dissemination of best practices in the area of industrial policies and strategies and of lessons learned in industrial development, taking into account the financial crisis and the impact of globalization on the industrial structure of the developing countries, so as to support and boost South-South cooperation by providing practical insights and ideas for international industrial development cooperation and for economic and technical cooperation among developing countries;

11. *Welcomes* the promising structural transformation and revitalization of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization as well as its new approach in providing comprehensive packages of integrated services to its member States and the strengthening of its field representation, and requests the United Nations Industrial Development Organization to continue to accord priority to the needs of the least developed countries and countries in the African region;

12. *Further welcomes* the focus of the United Nations Industrial Development Organization both on the strengthening of industrial capacities and on cleaner and sustainable industrial development in the context of its new programme reorientation, as well as its cooperation with the relevant bodies and organizations of the United Nations system, in particular the United Nations Environment Programme;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 15 September 1998, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its fifty-third session the item entitled:

"Sustainable development and international economic cooperation:

"(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development:

(i) Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries;

(ii) Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

"(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

"(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II);

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"(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership;

"(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;

"(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development;

"(g) Cultural development"

and to allocate it to the Second Committee.

2. The Second Committee considered the item at its 16th to 18th, 27th, 28th, 30th and 31st meetings, on 19, 20, 29 and 30 October and 2 November 1998. An account of the Committee's discussion of the item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.16–18, 27, 28, 30 and 31). Attention is also drawn to the general debate held by the Committee at its 3rd to 7th meetings, on 6, 8 and 9 October (see A/C.2/53/SR.3–7). An account of the Committee's further consideration of the item will be given in addenda to the present report, as follows:

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3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

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Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend (A/53/374)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system (A/53/296)

Letter dated 26 January 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/60)

Letter dated 26 January 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/62)

Letter dated 2 February 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the report of the International Conference on Preventive Strategy, held at Tokyo from 13 to 15 January 1998 (A/53/63–S/1998/100)

Letter dated 5 February 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Bangladesh, India and Pakistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Joint Declaration of the Bangladesh-India-Pakistan Business Summit, held at Dhaka on 15 January 1998 (A/53/69)

Letter dated 23 February 1998 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General,

transmitting the final communiqué of the eighth session of the Islamic Summit Conference, held at Tehran from 9 to 11 December 1997 (A/53/72–S/1998/156)

Letter dated 8 April 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the final communiqué of the twenty-fifth session of the Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers, held at Doha from 15 to 17 March 1998 (A/53/95–S/1998/311)

Letter dated 9 April 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration by the Heads of State of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan on the further intensification of regional integration, and the Tashkent Declaration of 26 March 1998 on the United Nations special programme for the economies of Central Asia (A/53/96)

Letter dated 14 May 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/124)

Letter dated 23 June 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Turkey and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/155)

Note verbale dated 1 July 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Yalta Summit Declaration adopted on 5 June 1998 by the Heads of State or Government of the Participating States of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation (A/53/168)

Letter dated 22 July 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/204)

Letter dated 10 September 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of the Russian Federation and the United States of America to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/371–S/1998/848)

Letter dated 15 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Kyrgyzstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/396)

Letter dated 17 September 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Georgia and Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/411)

Letter dated 17 September 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Armenia and Romania to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/412)

Letter dated 16 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of the Federated States of Micronesia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the communiqué of the twenty-ninth South Pacific Forum, held at Palikir, Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, on 24 and 25 August 1998 (A/53/416)

Letter dated 30 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/447 and Corr.1)

Letter dated 30 September 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran and Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/453)

Letter dated 11 November 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, addressed to the Chairman of the Second Committee (A/53/664)

Letter dated 8 October 1998 from the representatives of Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and Uzbekistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Baku Declaration adopted at the International Conference on Restoration of the Historic Silk Route, held at Baku on 7 and 8 September 1998 (A/C.2/53/4)

(a) Implementation of and follow-up to major consensus agreements on development

Report of the Secretary-General on implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade (A/53/301)

(b) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/336 and Add.1)

Note verbale dated 10 July 1998 from the Permanent Mission of Turkmenistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/53/174)

(c) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Report of the Secretary-General on proposals on the scope and organizational aspects of the special session of the General Assembly on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda (A/53/267)

Report of the Secretary-General on an assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (A/53/512)

(d) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Letter dated 9 March 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan and Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Co-Chairmen's summary report on the first meeting of the Preparatory Committee for the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development, held at Dakar on 2 and 3 March 1998 (A/53/85)

Letter dated 29 October 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Chisinau Statement on Trilateral Cooperation, signed by the Presidents of the Republic of Moldova, Romania and Ukraine on 22 October 1998 (A/53/575)

(e) Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s

Note by the Secretariat (A/53/553)

Letter dated 30 September 1998 from the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the declaration adopted by the Ministers of the Least Developed Countries at their eighth annual meeting, held at United Nations Headquarters on 28 September 1998 (A/C.2/53/3)

(f) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

Report of the Secretary-General on the preparations for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development (A/53/407)

(g) Cultural development

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on cultural development (A/53/321)

4. At the 16th meeting, on 19 October, introductory statements under sub-item (a) were made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York Office of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) (see A/C.2/53/SR.16).

5. At the 17th meeting, on 20 October, the Director of the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement under sub-item (b) (see A/C.2/53/SR.17).

6. At the 18th meeting, on 20 October, introductory statements were made by the Officer-in-Charge of the Division for Economic and Social Council Support and Coordination of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs under sub-item (d), and the representative to the United Nations and Director of the New York Office of UNESCO under sub-item (g) (see A/C.2/53/SR.18).

7. At the 27th meeting, on 29 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made an introductory statement under sub-item (f) (see A/C.2/53/SR.27).

8. At the 28th meeting, on 29 October, the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme and Acting Executive Director of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements made a statement under sub-item (c) (see A/C.2/53/SR.28).

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Addendum

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 93 (see A/53/608, para. 2). Action on sub-item (a) was taken at the 23rd and 40th meetings, on 23 October and 24 November 1998. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.23 and 40).

II. Consideration of draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.12 and A/C.2/53/L.40

2. At the 23rd meeting, on 23 October, the representative of *Indonesia*, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and *China*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade" (A/C.2/53/L.12), which read:

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"*The General Assembly*,

"*Reaffirming* the importance and continued validity of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 46/144 of 17 December 1991, 47/152 of 18 December 1992, 48/185 of 21 December 1993, 49/92 of 19 December 1994 and 51/173 of 16 December 1996 on the implementation of the Declaration and the Strategy,

"*Recalling also* the Agenda for Development, as well as the results, as agreed, of all major United Nations conferences and summit meetings held since the beginning of the 1990s,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries and the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;

"2. *Recognizes* the need to strengthen the implementation of the Declaration and the Strategy in the remaining years of the 1990s;

"3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with all the concerned organs and organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, as well as other relevant international organizations, to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, for its consideration, an analytical report containing a thorough evaluation of the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and the implementation of the Strategy, including the progress made and constraints therein;

"4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled 'Sustainable development and international cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, and preparation and elaboration of an international development strategy for the Fifth United Nations Development Decade'."

3. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade" (A/C.2/53/L.40), submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.40 (see para. 6).

5. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.40, draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.12 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

6. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the importance and continued validity of the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, contained in the annex to its resolution S-18/3 of 1 May 1990, and the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade, contained in the annex to its resolution 45/199 of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolutions 46/144 of 17 December 1991, 47/152 of 18 December 1992, 48/185 of 21 December 1993, 49/92 of 19 December 1994 and 51/173 of 16 December 1996 on the implementation of the Declaration and the Strategy, and the Agenda for Development,[1]

Recalling also the results, as agreed, of all major United Nations conferences and summit meetings held since the beginning of the 1990s,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and the implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade;[2]

2. *Recognizes* the need to strengthen the implementation of the Declaration and the Strategy in the remaining years of the 1990s, in close collaboration with, *inter alia*, efforts undertaken in the context of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s[3] and its implementing arm, the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative on Africa, and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s;[4]

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in consultation with all concerned organs and organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, as well as other relevant international organizations, to submit to the General Assembly for consideration at its fifty-fourth session an analytical report containing a thorough evaluation of the implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration and of the implementation of the Strategy, including the progress made and the constraints encountered therein;

4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled "Sustainable development and international cooperation: implementation of the

[1] Resolution 51/240, annex.

[2] A/53/301.

[3] Resolution 46/151, annex.

[4] See *Report of the Second United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries, Paris, 3–14 September 1990* (A/CONF.147/18), part one.

commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of Economic Growth and Development of the Developing Countries, and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade".

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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Uladzimir **Gerus** (Belarus)

Addendum

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 93 (see A/53/608, para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 23rd and 40th meetings, on 23 October and 24 November 1998. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.23 and 40).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13

2. At the 23rd meeting, on 23 October, the representative of Ukraine, on behalf of *Argentina, Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, Cyprus,* the *Czech Republic, Denmark, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Mongolia,* the *Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal,* the *Republic of Korea,* the *Republic of Moldova, Romania,* the *Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, Sweden, Tajikistan, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine,* the *United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* and the *United States*

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of America, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy" (A/C.2/53/L.13). Subsequently, *Estonia, Monaco* and *San Marino* joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

3. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Burak Özügergin (Turkey), read out the following revisions, which had been agreed upon during informal consultations:

(a) In the fifth preambular paragraph, the words "are able to maintain their internal and external financial stability" were replaced by the words "have been more capable of maintaining their internal and external financial stability";

(b) In the seventh preambular paragraph, the words "and have been adversely affected by" were inserted before the words "volatile fluctuations".

4. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.13, as orally revised (see para. 5).

III. Recommendation of the Second Committee

5. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 47/187 of 22 December 1992, 48/181 of 21 December 1993, 49/106 of 19 December 1994 and 51/175 of 16 December 1996,

Reaffirming also the need for the full integration of the countries with economies in transition into the world economy,

Noting the progress made in these countries in achieving macroeconomic stabilization in the course of structural reforms, which require more active investment policies,

Noting also the aspiration of the countries with economies in transition towards the further development of regional and interregional cooperation,

Noting with satisfaction that some countries with economies in transition which are more advanced in reforming their economies have been more capable of maintaining their internal and external financial stability while facing present global financial turmoils,

Recognizing the need to ensure favourable conditions for market access of exports from these countries, in accordance with multilateral trading agreements,

Expressing concern that the economies in transition have become more vulnerable to and have been adversely affected by volatile fluctuations of short-term capital flows,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

2. *Welcomes* the measures undertaken by the organizations of the United Nations system to implement General Assembly resolutions on the integration of the economies in transition into the world economy;

[1] A/53/336.

3. *Calls upon* the organizations of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, in collaboration with relevant non-United Nations multilateral and regional institutions, to continue to conduct analytical activities and provide policy advice and technical assistance to the Governments of the countries with economies in transition in strengthening the social and political framework for economic and market reforms, thereby creating, in particular, an enabling environment for foreign investment, and in the early identification of nascent crises in order to ensure their economic and financial stability;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Report of the Second Committee*

Rapporteur: Mr. Uladzimir **Gerus** (Belarus)

I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 93 (see A/53/608, para. 2). Action on sub-item (c) was taken at the 28th, 36th, 40th and 41st meetings, on 29 October and on 10, 24 and 25 November 1998. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.28, 36, 40 and 41).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.19 and A/C.2/53/L.42

2. At the 28th meeting, on 29 October, the representative of *Indonesia*, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda" (A/C.2/53/L.19), which read:

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"*The General Assembly,*

"*Recalling* its resolutions 51/177 of 16 December 1996 on the implementation of the outcome of the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and 52/192 of 18 December 1997 on follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the future role of the Commission on Human Settlements,

"*Also recalling* that, in paragraph 13 of its resolution 51/177, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations , together with the Commission on Human Settlements, should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism to oversee the coordination of activities for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

"*Recalling* paragraph 218 of the Habitat Agenda, adopted by the Second United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held at Istanbul from 3 to 14 June 1996, in which the Conference recommended that the General Assembly consider holding a special session in the year 2001 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the Conference,

"*Further recalling* its resolution 52/190 of 18 December 1997, in which it, *inter alia*, decided to hold a special session of the General Assembly in the year 2001 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the modalities of which were to be decided on at its fifty-third session,

"*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on proposals on the scope and organizational aspects of the special session of the General Assembly on the overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,

"1. *Takes note*, with appreciation, of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the modalities for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

"2. *Decides* that the special session will be held in June 2001 for a period of five working days;

"3. *Decides* to designate the Commission on Human Settlements to serve as the preparatory committee for the special session;

"4. *Also decides* that the Commission, meeting as the preparatory committee for the special session, shall be open-ended to allow full participation of all Member States;

"5. *Invites* representatives of local authorities, other Habitat Agenda partners and relevant actors of civil society, particularly the private sector and non-governmental organizations, in the field of adequate shelter for all and sustainable human settlements development, to contribute to the preparatory process, in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Commission and the relevant provisions of Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/31 of 25 July 1996;

"6. *Also invites* the Commission, serving as the preparatory committee, to meet for two working days back-to-back with its forthcoming seventeenth session in order to, *inter alia*, elect its officers, adopt appropriate rules of procedure and consider the organization of work for its first substantive session, to be held in April–May 2000 at Nairobi for five working days, and invites the preparatory committee at its first

substantive session to consider the modalities for the second substantive session, to be held in 2001;

"7. *Requests* the Commission, at its seventeenth session, to make practical arrangements for devoting its eighteenth regular session to the preparatory process and to make recommendation to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

"8. *Invites* the Commission, at its seventeenth session, to include in its agenda an item entitled 'Preparations for the special session of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Habitat Agenda';

"9. *Also invites* the Economic and Social Council to devote its high-level segment in 2000 to human settlements issues and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

"10. *Further invites* the Economic and Social Council to actively promote and coordinate the role of the regional commissions in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda at the regional and subregional levels;

"11. *Invites* the regional commissions, within their mandates and in cooperation with regional intergovernmental organizations, as well as banks, to consider convening high-level meetings to review the progress made in implementing the outcome of the Conference, and to report the results of their review to the Economic and Social Council;

"12. *Requests* other relevant organizations and agencies of the United Nations system, consistent with their respective mandates, to strongly contribute to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda at the national, regional and global levels;

"13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

"14. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session a sub-item entitled 'Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)'."

3. At the 40th meeting, on 24 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Burak Özügergin (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda" (A/C.2/53/L.42), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19.

4. The Secretary of the Committee read out a statement regarding the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42.

5. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42 (see para. 10).

6. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.42, draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.19 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.31

7. At the 36th meeting, on 10 November, at the request of the representative of Indonesia, the representative of Kenya, on behalf of the sponsors, namely, the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution

entitled "Revitalization of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat)" (A/C.2/53/L.31), which read:

"*The General Assembly,*

"*Recalling* paragraph 229 of the Habitat Agenda, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), in which it was stated that the functions of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) would need to be assessed with a view to its revitalization,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 51/177 of 16 December 1996 and 52/190 of 18 December 1997, in which it requested the Secretary-General to undertake, in the light of the review of the mandate of the Commission on Human Settlements, a comprehensive and in-depth assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) with a view to its revitalization,

"*Bearing in mind* the objectives, functions and responsibilities given to the Commission on Human Settlements by the Conference, as set out in paragraphs 222 to 227 of the Habitat Agenda, and by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/192, and the functions and responsibilities given to the Centre by the Conference, as set out in paragraphs 228 and 229 of the Habitat Agenda,

"*Bearing in mind* paragraph 7 of Commission on Human Settlements resolution 14/19 of 5 May 1993, in which the Commission strongly recommended that the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) be kept under distinct senior management in accordance with the specific nature and activities of the two bodies,

"*Bearing in mind* also paragraph 3 (c) of section I of its resolution 47/212 B, in which it requested the Secretary-General to reconsider his proposal to abolish the post of Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) in view of the recommendations of the Commission on Human Settlements, the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Economic and Social Council and the views expressed by Member States,

"*Recalling* paragraph 4 of its resolution 48/176, in which it requested the Secretary-General to give full consideration to the views expressed by Member States regarding the high-level leadership of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) through distinct and separate management and direction as contemplated in General Assembly resolution 32/162 of 19 December 1977,

"*Recalling also* paragraph 29 of its resolution 48/228 of 23 December 1993, in which it reiterated its request in section I, paragraph 3 (c), of its resolution 47/212 B and stressed the need for the Secretary-General to implement fully and promptly the decisions of the General Assembly contained therein,

"*Having considered* the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat),

"1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat);

"2. *Endorses* the recommendations on the management of the Centre, as contained in paragraphs 15 to 17 of the report of the Secretary-General;

"3. *Welcomes* the establishment and the terms of reference of the team of experts for the revitalization of the Centre, as indicated in paragraphs 18 to 20 of the report of the Secretary-General, and requests the Secretary-General to submit the

recommendations of the team of experts and the views of Member States to the Commission on Human Settlements at its seventeenth session for action, as appropriate;

"4. *Reaffirms* the need to keep the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) under separate and distinct management and direction, as requested by the Commission on Human Settlements in paragraph 7 of its resolution 14/19 and by the General Assembly in paragraph 4 of its resolution 48/176, paragraph 3 (c) of section I of its resolution 47/212 B and paragraph 29 of its resolution 48/228, and as was contemplated by the General Assembly in its resolution 32/162;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution."

8. At the 41st meeting, on 25 November, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Burak Özügergin (Turkey), informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.31 had been withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. Draft decision

9. At its 41st meeting, on 25 November, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) (A/53/512) (see para. 11).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

10. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 51/177 of 16 December 1996 on the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and 52/192 of 18 December 1997 on the follow-up to the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the future role of the Commission on Human Settlements,

Recalling that, in paragraph 13 of its resolution 51/177, the General Assembly reaffirmed that the Assembly and the Economic and Social Council, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations, together with the Commission on Human Settlements, should constitute a three-tiered intergovernmental mechanism to oversee the coordination of activities for the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[1]

Also recalling paragraph 218 of the Habitat Agenda, adopted by the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), held at Istanbul from 3 to 14 June 1996, in which the Conference recommended that the General Assembly consider holding a special

[1] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3–14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex II.

session in the year 2001 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the Conference,

Further recalling its resolution 52/190 of 18 December 1997, in which it, *inter alia*, decided to hold a special session of the General Assembly in the year 2001 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), the modalities of which were to be decided on at its fifty-third session,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General containing proposals on the scope and organizational aspects of the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda,[2]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Secretary-General concerning the modalities for the special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;[2]

2. *Decides* that the special session for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) will be held in June 2001 for a period of three working days;

3. *Reaffirms* that the special session will be undertaken on the basis of and with full respect for the Istanbul Declaration on Human Settlements[3] and the Habitat Agenda[1] and that there will be no renegotiation of the existing agreements contained therein;

4. *Decides* to invite States members of the specialized agencies that are not Members of the United Nations to participate in the work of the special session in the capacity of observers;

5. *Also decides* that the Commission on Human Settlements, which is currently scheduled at its seventeenth and eighteenth sessions to focus on monitoring the implementation of the Habitat Agenda and assessing its impact, should serve as the preparatory committee for the special session;

6. *Further decides* that the Commission, meeting as the preparatory committee for the special session, shall be open-ended to allow full participation of all States;

7. *Stresses* the need for the effective participation of local authorities, other Habitat Agenda partners and relevant actors of civil society, in particular the private sector and non-governmental organizations, in the preparations for the special session, as well as the need to ensure appropriate arrangements, taking into account the practice and experience gained at the Habitat II Conference, for their substantive contributions to and active involvement in the preparatory meetings and the special session, and invites the President of the General Assembly, in consultation with Member States, to propose to Member States appropriate modalities for their effective involvement in the special session;

8. *Invites* Governments to play an active role in the preparatory process, *inter alia*, through an intensified exchange of experiences, and welcomes the proposals received so far, from Singapore to hold an international conference on model cities from 19 to 21 April 1999, and from Germany to hold an international conference, entitled "Urban 21", in 2000;

9. *Invites* the Commission on Human Settlements, serving as the preparatory committee, to meet for two working days back-to-back with its forthcoming seventeenth

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[2] A/53/267.

[3] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II), Istanbul, 3–14 June 1996* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.97.IV.6), chap. I, resolution 1, annex I.

session in order, *inter alia*, to elect its officers, adopt appropriate rules of procedure and consider the organization of work for its first substantive session, to be held at Nairobi for five working days in May 2000, and invites the preparatory committee, at its first substantive session, to consider the modalities, duration, date and agenda for the second substantive session, to be held in 2001;

10. *Invites* the Economic and Social Council to devote its coordination segment in 2000 to human settlements issues and the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

11. *Also invites* the Economic and Social Council to actively promote and coordinate the role of the regional commissions in the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda at the regional and subregional levels;

12. *Invites* the regional commissions, within their mandates and in cooperation with regional intergovernmental organizations and banks, to consider convening high-level meetings to review the progress made in implementing the outcome of the Conference and to report the results of their review to the Economic and Social Council;

13. *Requests* other relevant organizations and agencies of the United Nations system and the funds and programmes, consistent with their respective mandates, to contribute, as appropriate, to the review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda at the national, regional and global levels;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to seek extrabudgetary resources to assist developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, to send representatives to the sessions of the preparatory committee and the special session of the General Assembly in June 2001 for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the Habitat Agenda;

15. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session on the implementation of the present resolution;

16. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session the sub-item entitled "Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)".

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11. The Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements

The General Assembly takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the assessment of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat).[4]

[4] A/53/512.

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Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Report of the Second Committee*

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 93 (see A/53/608, para. 2). Action on sub-item (d) was taken at the 26th, 38th and 42nd meetings, on 28 October, 12 November and 1 December 1998. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/53/SR.26, 38 and 42).

II. Consideration of proposals

A. Draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14

2. At the 26th meeting, on 28 October, the representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, on behalf of *Bangladesh, Benin, Bolivia, Botswana*, the *Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Fiji, Mauritius*, the *Federated States of Micronesia, Mongolia, Senegal* and *the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Globalization and liberalization of the world economy — prevention of the marginalization of weak or vulnerable economies" (A/C.2/53/L.14), which read:

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"*The General Assembly*,

"*Affirming* the importance of the statement by the Secretary-General in his report on the work of the Organization that the task ahead 'is not to try to reverse globalization — an effort which, in any case, would be futile. The task is to harness its positive potential while managing its adverse effects. Strengthening multilateral institutions can help accomplish that task',

"*Affirming also* the need to fully integrate all countries into the world economy,

"*Concerned* about the negative consequences of globalization and liberalization of the global economy on the economies of the developing countries, in particular in Africa, and on small island developing States, least developed countries, land-locked developing countries and countries with economies in transition,

"*Considering* the urgent need to prevent further marginalization of the weak or vulnerable economies of developing countries and of countries with economies in transition and to help these economies to benefit from the globalization and liberalization of the world economy,

"*Aware* that sound domestic macroeconomic and structural policies are primary elements for taking advantage of the globalization and liberalization of the world economy,

"*Recognizing, inter alia*, the importance of regional economic integration, the creation of new opportunities for expanding trade and investment, improved market access for exports, retaining special trading arrangements/preferences and a durable solution to the external debt and debt-servicing problems,

"1. *Calls upon* Member States to take, individually and collectively, the relevant measures and policies to prevent the marginalization of the weak or vulnerable economies of developing countries and of countries with economies in transition, and to help them to benefit from globalization and liberalization with a view to their full integration into the world economy;

"2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, together with the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions, to give special attention to the subject of the present resolution in the relevant reports mandated for the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

"3. *Requests* all States and relevant international organizations to communicate to the Secretary-General their views on the subject;

"4. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session an item entitled 'Prevention of the marginalization of the weak or vulnerable economies of developing countries and of countries with economies in transition in the globalization and liberalization of the world economy'."

3. At the 42nd meeting, on 1 December, the representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia informed the Committee that draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.14 had been withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft resolutions A/C.2/53/L.36 and A/C.2/53/L.49

4. At the 38th meeting, on 12 November, the representative of *Indonesia*, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and *China*, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" (A/C.2/53/L.36), which read:

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolutions 48/165 of 21 December 1993, 49/95 of 19 December 1994, 50/122 of 20 December 1995, 51/174 of 16 December 1996, and 52/186 of 18 December 1997,

"*Noting* the adoption of the Agenda for Development and the relevant provision on its follow-up and implementation, and the need to give impetus to international economic cooperation for development so as to effectively follow up on the Agenda,

"*Expressing* satisfaction on the holding of the first high-level dialogue on the theme of social and economic impacts of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, held on 17 and 18 September 1998,

"1. *Reaffirms* the continued need to strengthen constructive dialogue and genuine partnership in order to promote further international economic cooperation for development;

"2. *Also reaffirms* that such a dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership for achieving sustained economic growth and sustainable development as well as for improving the international economic environment that is conducive to such development, and that the United Nations system should reinforce its activities in order to facilitate such a dialogue;

"3. *Decides* to hold biennially a high-level renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership of the General Assembly to provide impetus for the promotion of international economic cooperation for development and also decides that the theme, timing, duration, outcome and the modalities of the second high-level dialogue will be decided through the intergovernmental process at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

"4. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close consultations with Governments, all relevant parts of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental organizations, to propose themes for the promotion of international economic cooperation for development for the second high-level dialogue for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

"5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, under the appropriate item, the sub-item entitled 'Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership'."

5. At the 42nd meeting, on 1 December, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Burak **Özügergin** (Turkey), introduced a draft resolution entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership" (A/C.2/53/L.49), which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.36, and orally corrected it by replacing the words "a panel" by the word "panels" in the third preambular paragraph.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.49, as orally corrected (see para. 9).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.49, draft resolution A/C.2/53/L.36 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. Draft decision

8. At its 42nd meeting, on 1 December, on the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of a number of documents before it under the item (see para. 10).

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

9. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 48/165 of 21 December 1993, 49/95 of 19 December 1994, 50/122 of 20 December 1995, 51/174 of 16 December 1996 and 52/186 of 18 December 1997,

Recalling also the adoption of the Agenda for Development[1] and the relevant provision on its follow-up and implementation, and the need to give impetus to international economic cooperation for development so as to effectively follow up the Agenda,

Expressing satisfaction with the holding on 17 and 18 September 1998 of the first high-level dialogue of the General Assembly on the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications, including the use of panels, which were not part of the formal proceedings, and round-table discussions which promoted interactive dialogue,

1. *Reaffirms* the continuing need to strengthen constructive dialogue and genuine partnership in order to promote further international economic cooperation for development;

2. *Stresses* that such dialogue should be conducted in response to the imperatives of mutual interests and benefits, genuine interdependence, shared responsibility and the partnership for achieving development as well as for improving the international economic environment so that it is conducive to such development, and that the United Nations system should reinforce its activities in order to facilitate such a dialogue in accordance with relevant resolutions of the General Assembly;

3. *Decides* to hold biennially a high-level renewal of the dialogue of the General Assembly on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership, to provide impetus for the promotion of international economic cooperation for development;

[1] Resolution 51/240.

4. *Also decides* that, building on the experience of the high-level dialogue held on 17 and 18 September 1998, the theme and the modalities of the second high-level dialogue will be decided through the intergovernmental process at the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in close consultation with Governments, all relevant parts of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental organizations, to propose themes for the promotion of international economic cooperation for development for the second high-level dialogue for consideration by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

6. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-fourth session, under the appropriate item, the sub-item entitled "Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership".

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10. The Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decision:

Documents relating to renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

The General Assembly takes note of the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the utilization of the development dividend;[2]

(b) Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on communication for development programmes in the United Nations system;[3]

(c) Summary by the President of the General Assembly of the high-level dialogue on the theme of the social and economic impact of globalization and interdependence and their policy implications;[4]

(d) Letter dated 9 March 1998 from the Permanent Representatives of Japan and Senegal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting the Co-Chairmen's summary report on the First Preparatory Committee Meeting for the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development.[5]

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[2] A/53/374.

[3] A/53/296.

[4] A/53/529.

[5] A/53/85.